



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

These are exciting days for our family! God has granted us a tremendous summer so far. We kicked it off with a meaningful trip to the Dominican Republic. Our team was used by God to make a powerful difference in the lives of people in that country. And shortly after our team returned, our students headed north to the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment for youth camp – The Best Camp Ever. Hearts were touched and lives shaped as the students were taught how to abide in Jesus. Thirty-two students and seven sponsors will never be the same – one of those students made the decision to make Jesus his Savior!

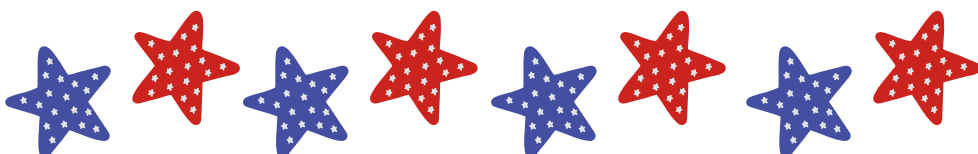
Then we wrapped up the month with Vacation Bible School. I am so grateful for all the volunteers who gave of their time and their hearts to make a difference in the lives of the children who were in our building for a week. Some of those children had never heard of Jesus – and now, they know that Jesus loves them and so do the people in our church. However you participated in these ministries, thank you for your commitment to what Jesus is doing in and through us.

As we look toward July, we will be sending our children to Children's Camp at Camp Zephyr. This will be a formative time in their lives. Pray that God's Spirit becomes real to these children. Shortly after returning from Children's Camp, we will celebrate baptism at the beach! What a full summer – and what tangible ways to see God at work in and through each one of us.

May we continue to keep our focus on the Savior in all we do. It is easy to be so busy doing God's work that we forget to pause and sit at the feet of Jesus. Make sure spend time with Him daily.

Be a blessing,

Brian



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New Members

John Edward Harvey

Joshua & Denise
Medrano

Robert & McKinley
Nix

Stephanie Salinas

Baptism

Evelyn Bounsall



IT'S ABOUT THE MOMENTS

June was full of opportunities to see Christ at work in the lives of those around us. From partnering with STCH for missions in the Dominican Republic, to students learning to abide with Christ at Youth Camp in Brownwood, TX, to hearing children proclaim that Jesus is the light of the world at Vacation Bible School, members of FBC were a part of thousands of moments. Enjoy some highlights in the pictures below!

Dominican Republic



Youth Camp



Vacation Bible School



What's Happening in

July

Saturday, July 4

8:00pm

Bells By The Bay Carillon Concert

Hear the bells play patriotic tunes on the Front Lawn at First Baptist Church. Bring a chair and stay around for the city fireworks!
Loyd Lott, Carillonneur

Sunday, July 5

11:15am | 12:30pm

Combined Worship Service & First Family Picnic

We will have regular Bible Study classes at 10:00am and one combined worship service at 11:15am in the Worship Center. A family picnic will follow at the Recreation Center at 12:30pm.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Feel free to bring a chair, picnic blanket, or lawn games. The tables inside the Rec Center will be set for Dominos, and the Gym will be open for cornhole, games, and kids activities.

Thursday, July 9

7:00pm

Bells By The Bay Carillon Concert

This carillon concert will feature Peter Langberg from Løgumkloster, Denmark. Another opportunity to enjoy the bells with a view of the Bay.



Sunday, July 12

10:00am

Promotion Sunday

Children and Student Ministry Bible Study classes will promote to the next grade level.

Sunday, July 12

5:00pm

Beach Baptism

Meet us at Windward Beach (off of Whitecap Blvd) for baptism of believers. Park in the paved parking lot and look for FBC flags on the beach.



Tuesday, July 21

6:00pm

Women's Ministry Game Night

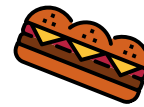
Rec Center. Bring a side or dessert to share!

Sunday, July 26

5:00pm

Philly Cheesesteak Fellowship

Fellowship with church family in the Recreation Center. We'll provide the cheesesteaks; bring a cheesecake to share!



Friday, July 31

7:00pm

Bells By The Bay Carillon Concert

This concert will feature Wesley Arai from University of California at Santa Barbara.

Worship Center Flowers

July 5

Given by Heather and Robert Morales, Jr. in celebration of Lydia and Robert Morales, Sr.'s 58th anniversary.

July 14

Given by the Kireta family in celebration of Lydia and Robert Morales, Sr.'s 58th anniversary.

July 21

Given by Sheri B. Roussel in loving memory of her parents Walter S. and Wanda R. Roussel.

July 28

Given by Jan and Ryan Ferguson in memory of loving husband, father, and friend, Bill Ferguson.

scan here for event details!



Weekly Recurring Events

SUNDAYS

Bible Study • 10:00am

Worship Services • 8:45am & 11:15am - Worship Center

MONDAYS

Flower Ministry • 8:30am - Room 151

To volunteer, contact Glenda Bailey @ 361-986-9793.

Pickleball • 9am-12pm - Recreation Center

Ceramics • 9:30am-2:30pm - Recreation Center

No pottery wheels - Beginners welcome!

Youth Monday Munch • 12:00pm - Locations vary
(see Student Ministry calendar)

TUESDAYS

Library Open • 9am-4pm - Media Library 2nd Floor

55+ Basketball • 11:30am-2pm - Recreation Center

Open Basketball • 2pm-4:30pm - Recreation Center

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool Play Day • 9:30am-11:30am - Rec Center

*Free and open to children kindergarten and younger.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Pickleball • 11:30am-2pm

Youth Gathering & Bible Study • 5pm-7pm Rec Center

Choir Rehearsal • 6:45pm - Choir Room

*This is the perfect time to see if music is a fit for you.
All are welcome to attend our weekly rehearsals!*

THURSDAYS

Déjà vu Crew Games • 9:30am - Recreation Center
Senior Adult Mexican Train

Sewing Ministry • 10am-12pm - Rec Center Craft Room

55+ Basketball • 11:30am-2pm - Recreation Center

Open Basketball • 2pm-4:30pm - Recreation Center

Pickleball • 5pm-8:30pm - Recreation Center

Street Ministry • 5pm - Room 151

To volunteer, contact Cristy @ 361-944-8952

FRIDAYS

Food Pantry • 9am-11am - Room 151

To volunteer, contact Ed Cooke @ 361-991-8253.

Pickleball • 9am-2pm - Recreation Center

SATURDAYS

55+ Basketball • 9:00am-10:30am - Recreation Center

From The Library Book Club

Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 2:00pm
The Friendship Room at Koinonia Homes
3113 Ocean Drive

This Independence Day marks 250 years since the United States became a nation. From the beginning, it seems God had a plan for America. July is a wonderful time to learn more about our country's history and founding.

The FBC Book Club will be reading and discussing **THE LIGHT AND THE GLORY**, by Peter Marshall and David Manuel at the July and August meetings. (Two meetings! – long book) The story of America's founding is presented from the perspective that God had a plan for this country. Come and Join Us! (Even if you haven't finished the book and bring a friend!)

Have you read any good books lately? Please share your favorite books and authors so we can get those in the library. If you have books to donate, we are taking donations!

One way to share the love of Jesus is to donate paperback Christian books and Bibles to the **Book Ministry**. There is a donation box outside the Library, Room 231. Checks can also be given for Bibles to FBC prison ministry.

Come visit the FBC Library in Room 231 and check out a good book.

Library Hours

Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:00a to 4:00p and Sundays from 9:45a to 10:15a